

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

April 20, 2016

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Behl called Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Richard Bennett, Ed Nelson, Annette Thompson and Larry Bischoff.

Also, present: Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Co-Department Head.

ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIR: Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Nelson to elect Allen Behl as Chairman. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thompson to approve minutes for Monday, March 14, 2016 and Monday, March 28, 2016. Motions carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN TO GO OUT OF ORDER AS NEEDED TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT THE MEETING: Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Nelson to approve agenda and for Chairman to go out of order. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

Behl reported on the PILD Conference – traveled to Washington, D.C. Behl explained that PILD is sponsored by JCEP. Attended for the training and speakers. This was his 2nd year attending. His report is attached.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Bischoff to approve the regular meeting per diems for April 20, 2016.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for February 2016.
- b. Discussion and update on open positions:
 1. Hoffman reported that there are currently no open positions at this time. New support staff (Laure Dei) starts on Thursday, April 20, 2016. She will be working four days a week (Monday – Thursday).
 2. Crops and Soils position – Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing will start on June 1, 2016. Fond du Lac and Dodge IT directors are working with each other to figure out the computer situation.
 3. WNEP – April 1, 2016 started – Caitlin Richardson. Will be housed in Columbia county and working in Dodge office one or two days a week. Will hire Nutrition Educator at the start of the next school year (September 2016).

- c. Discussion, consideration and possibly take action concerning UW-Extension restructuring, nominations to work groups:
 - 1. Hoffman reported that the Steering Committee is figuring out work group (tomorrow, April 21st). Marie Witzel submitted her name for 3 different work groups which would take up 20% of her time/8hrs per week consisting of teleconferences, homework, etc.). Work groups will be working 6 to 8 months (possibly 1 year).
 - i. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nelson to support Marie Witzel's activity on the restructuring process in said work group that she would be nominated to.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Hoffman: Hoffman shared information on upcoming conflict management workshops; one about alternative processes, one on organizational development and three concentrating on workplace issues. He talked briefly on what he has been doing on the nEXT GEN Project Steering Committee and on the timeline of the re-structure.


COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, May 17, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was adjourned by Behl at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Bennett, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman